

Will Take Place at New Orleans May 19-22.

EDITOR'S ADDRESS

Urges Old Soldiers to Attend-Some Facts About the Monitor-Virginia Fight-Anecdotes of the War.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: New Orleans, Feb. 13, 1903.

ecompanying letter, written by Mr. Page M. Baker, editor of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, and one of the most conspicuous and forceful figures in Southern journalism, in the interest of the coming reunion of the old Confederate Veterans, which is to take place in New Orleans, May 19, 20, 21 and 22, is respectfully submitted with the expressed hope fully submitted with the expressed Jopethat you may, be able to give same a prominent position in your columns. The cause of the rapidly thinning "gray line" is one that appeals to the people of this country, irrespective of party or of creed, and it is because of this, and the fact that the reunions of the veterans will, in a few years become a thing of the past, that we ask the courtesy at your hands. New Orleans wants to accord the old Confederates a warm and hearty reception and to assure them all that the doors of this city and the hearts of its people will be wide open on the memorable occasion referred to heroin.

Very respectfully,

COL J. A. HARRAL, U. C. V.,

Alde de Camp;

GEN. JNO. B. GORDON'S Staff, Chairman Press Committee. you may, be able to give same a

Chairman Press Committee

Indications are plentiful that the re-union to be held in New Orleans, May 10, 20, 21 and 22, by the United Confed-erate Veterans will be the most worthly memorable event in the history of the organization.

organization.

Ample preparations are making to receive the hosts of ex-Confederates that will soon converge upon New Orleans from every section of the Union. The neople of this city hope and expect that the grim men in gray who forty years ago imperiled all for their country-and regretted not that they imperiled it—will come in large number, to this hostitable he South. From Louisiana and her neighboring States of Mississippi, Alaheighoring states and Arkansas; from far-away Tentesee and Florida; from far-ther away Virginia, the Carolinas Georgia Kentucky and Maryland, and from the more distant Northern and Eastern States

Kentucky and Maryland, and from the more distant Northern and Eastern States in which Southerners have, since the warfound congenial homes and won enduring reputation—from every point in the Union, we desire that ex-Confederates and the sons and daughters of ex-Confederates and the sons and daughters of ex-Confederates shall come to New Orleans.

THE THINNING LINE.

In the impressive procession will be men who represent the splendid soldery of the South that was ready at the call of duty—and is ready still—to fight valiantly and to die without a murmur, Men who fought not for fame, not for empire, not (thank God) for money, but for friends and kinsmen, for bome and country! In reflecting upon what the Confederate soldier was, as well as upon what he did, the people of New Orleans have highly resolved that the reunion of this year shall be the most interesting, the most impressive and the most successful of all that have been held by the heroes in gray.

The organization of United Confederate veterans, has, it is true, reached, if it has not passed, its zenith. Its meritian splendor—the force and the fire that once inhered to it—has waned with the quick going years. Against it the fierce gales of necessity, and the fiercer gales of necessity, it is true, reached, if it has not passed, its zenith. Its meritian splendor—the force and the fire that once inhered to it—has waned with the quick of the war ship habiting inorably, its energy for good as strengthening every hour. The memories awakened by it and the pride with the quick of the sacred list, nor tell the sad, brave story over in all its desolate grandeur of ideal and starving suffering; but the picture, sketched or finished, is now, and will always be, mirrored in the aves of the remember that the "Alabama" and the "Kearsarge," ammessies of the combined of the decention of the passage of time with the fire and the f

THE PICTURE.

We need not recount all the names on the sacred list, nor tell the sad, brave story over in all its denoiate grandeur of ideal and starving suffering; but the picture, sketched or finished, is now, and will always be, mirrored in the eyes of every beholder. If it is only for a moment the people of the South will, on these occasions of Confederate reunion. Iff the nobly pathetic picture and reverently uncover before it; for spite the effacing influence of time, it may never be forgotten that what William of Orsuspe's followers were to Holland, what the me who fought with Bruce and Wallace were to Scotland, what Marathon's "for thousand" were to Greece, what, indeed, Thermoplac's "three hundred" were Ac Sparta, the Confederate soldiers of Americans § the Southern States.

OUR ARPHONSIBILITY.

It is to the Confederate soldier—to his example in courage, in fortitude, in particus of the classicity to suffer and to be still—that the younger generation of the South owes whatever is worthy in its civilization. This debt may never be paid certainly not, within the lifetime of the Confederate soldier; but the bright and the hepsiloss atmiced the supplemental of the Confederate soldier, but the bright stating of the Confederate soldier, but the bright and the hepsiloss times of the early skilled the bright stating of the Confederate soldier, but the bright has been such that the pounds of the Confederate soldier, but the bright stating of the Confederate sol

The reunion to be held in May will renind us of the high civic responsibility Awake, awake, thou dreamerThe voices of the siain
Come o'er the still, deep waters
In sad and selemn strain!
And the night winds cohe sadly
The song of burled years,
And morning brings upon its crest
A rivulet of tears, hat is ours and will prompt us to a wider and a wiser patriotism. It will teach and a wiser patriotism. It will teach
us that the lamp of idealism should be
kept forever glowing, and it will help the
world to understand that the spirit of
the Confederate soldier, like the breath
of the Holy Man, died not with the
prophet, but survived him.
PAGE M. BAKER,
Editor New Orleans Times-Democrat,

"Sinking The Merrimac."

Many are the misrepresentations which have appeared in Northern books, papers have appeared in Northern books, papers and magazines about the battle between the Monitor and the Virginia, or "Merrimac," as she is generally known. Some of these have been inspired by hate, and some by ignorance, while "pension money" to those aboard the Monitor has doubtless had much to do with it. The greater the "deeds" performed on that vessel, the greater the pension money, especially to one whose eyes were damaged while in the turnet during the fight. This latter claim of damage done by and to

I am dreaming, I am dreaming,
And the cannon's deadly roar
Relis up the steep, blue mountains
Along the other shore;
And I see a lordly gentleman
Ride out to lead the way;
He is the knightliest gentleman
That ever were the gray. a matter of record.

One of the greatest misstatements about this matter that has recently appeared was in an Associated Pross dispatch from New York which appeared in a great many papers yesterday morning. The Advertiser included. Down to the shock of battle,
Through fire and smoke and blood,
He rides him down right gallantly
'To stem the ebbing flood,
Two glittering stars above his throat—
No sword he wears, I ween—
He is the comilest gentleman
That over I have seen.

The statement in question is found in the notice of the death of a certain Claude De Lorraine, of whom it is said he "was chief engineer of the Monitor the notice of the death of Claude De Lorraine, of whom it is said he "was chief engineer of the Monitor when that vessel sank the Merrimae during the Civil War." So at last the teachings of Nouthern histories, especially school histories, have borne fruit—the "Monitor sank the Merrimae!" Mirabile dictu, wouldn't there have been "great codies" of prize money for those aboard the Monitor if it had only been known sooner that the "Monitor sank the Merrimae?" Oh, but wouldn't there though? It is pittable to think of those poor fellows on the Monitor going to their graves with nothing but pension money, whereas they might have had great chests full of prize money as well, for "sinking" that thereible Merrimae (Virginia.) So calm, so stern, so debonair,
No plume upon his crest,
He goes the war-path gallantly,
No shield upon his breast.
He rides the good horse, "Traveler,"
Right to the fore rides he—
His sire was "Light Horse Harry,"
And his name is Robert Lee!

her previous combat with the vessels o the Federal fleet, and not with the Moni

tor. It was a wooden vessel of the Fed-eral fleet which did that damage and not

Another fact which one is not apt to

this combat the Virginia stood forth for several days, challenging the Monitor to another trial for strength-which the lat-

ter did not accept, and never did accept. She seemed to find the guns of Fortress Monroe, under which she took refuge,

much more pleasant companions than those on the Virginia, so she stayed out

there. If the Virginia was so badly in-jured, why did not the Monitor follow up the work when she had such excellent opportunities? Those in command found

that it was much easier to "claim" than

with nothing but pension money, whereas they might have had great chests full of prize money as well, for "sinking" that terrible Merrimae (Virginia.)

To read accounts emanating from a certain section, one might fancy that the Virginia (usually known still as the Merrimae) was destroyed, or just about destroyed, by the Monitor, but was such lite case? It was after the sinking of the Cumberland by the Virginia and the destruction of the Congress, which, after running up two white flags to half-mast as a token of surrender, after receiving the terrible fire of the Virginia, fired upon boats sent to her, and scattering consternation on all sides among the Federals, that the battle between her and the Monitor took place. To describe it as an undecided by the boys of the South that it was the Monitor which first withdrew, in the ending of that battle, getting into shallow water, where the Virginia could not follow, and that the Virginia did not retire until after the Monitor had done so, and then slowly, And yonder in the tempest—
Down by the smoky plain—
Rides one in armor burnished bright,
And burning spear amain;
His brow is clothed in thunder,
His right arm raised on high,
Mars-like he rides to battle,
As he rode in days gone by. I am dreaming, I am dreaming, And the blushing rose of morn
Is shaking from her leaflets young,
Bright crystals of the storm.

The midnight is asunder—
Still the carnage rovels high,
And still rides "Stonewall" Jackson,
As he rode in days gone by.

Now, hark! the bugle pealing. See the flashing sabres shine See the flashing sabres shine Against the day god of the east, Along the charging line. And a laughter ringing far,
"Tis the chestnut-bearded Stuart,
Our "Harry of Navarre." Virginia could not rottow, and the Virginia did not retire until after the Monitor had done so, and then slowly, after failing to coax the Monitor again to combat. There was some damage done to the guns of the Virginia, but the records show that this was done during

And yonder in the tempest-

I am dreaming, and there's weeping
In you grove upon the hill,
There a noble form is hushed in death,
A giant heart is still.
On the banner of his legions
His star of glory shines;
"Is Rhodes, the fair-haired chieftain,
Who charged at Seven Pines.

major took in the situation and asked!

"What's that?"
"A sandwich," replied the recruit.
"Have a bite?"

"Do you know who I am?" asked the major.
"Don't know you from a crow; perhaps you're the major's coachy."
"No, I'm not."
"His groom, perhaps."
"No; try agaim"
"Perhaps the old chap himself."
"Right this time," said the major.
"For heavon's saket" exclaimed the frightened sentry. "Hold the sandwich while "I present arms!"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

I am Dreaming.

Awake, awake, thou droamer-Awake to the mournful blast-Notes of our martyred freedom, Dead music of the past! Awakel the spear is broken, The blade hath turned to rust, And the warrior's red-cross banne. Droops o'er the warrior's dust.

What see you, slient sleeper,
In the far off land of dreams?
What see you by the valleys
And the pleasant sounding streams?
Are there orange groves in blossem?
Is there gold upon the strand?
Is there joy or is there mourning
In the far off pleasant land?

I am dreaming, I am dreaming,

And the lightning's lurid glare,
Like a meteor in its madness,
Rushes through the midnight air;
And I see the red-cross banner
In the riftled cloudlet wave,
And I hear the battle shoutings
Of the gallant and the brave,

'Do you know who I am?" asked the

I am dreaming, I am dreaming,
And a black plume floats on high,
So graceful, yet so terrible,
Above a flashing eye;
The mountains quake and tremble,
Still that warrior takes no heed;
"Tis Ashby rides the vale of death,
Upon his milk white steed.

And oh! a song of boyhood, And ohl a song or boyhood,
Is floating up the glen,
And a happy voice of by-gone years
Is cheering on his men.
With gleaming eye he charged—
And a soul for a soldler's fate,
"Its Ramseur, dashing Ramseur,
The pride of the Old North State,

demonstrate. The Virginia at a later date (upon the Upon his foaming bay?
A stout and hardy fighter,
"Old Butcher," clears the way,
With sturdy cane of oak aloft,
He leads them up the glade;
"Tis Allegheny Johnson,
With the old Stonewall Brigade

I am dreaming, I am dreaming, And the flaming dogs to death, Are bursting grape and bombshell Upon the battle's breath, And there beside the cannon's mouth, All battle-scared and grave, Stands Hood, the lion-hearted-The bravest of the brave.

I am dreaming, I am dreaming, And the stars and bars on hig Wave o'er the flery Ewel's front

And yonder, cherring on his braves, Is Hill, Virginia's pride; The handsome John Magruder Is fighting by his side; Beld Pegram holds the bridge to-day, With Garnett at the ford; And I see the gray-haired Armstead With his hat upon his sword.

Charge! Dearing, charge! The Northn Chargel Learing, chargel The Northir Are pressing Pender sore, And Cobb, the vallant Georgian, Can hold his own no more, See Pettigrew among them, No quarter does he beg; And yonder sleeps the sleep of death, The gallant Maxey Gregg.

gives the fees of sheriffs. Each sher-

recognizing him failed to salute. The veterans, the property having been sold for that purpose to Mrs. Davis for \$10,000.
This purpose has long been dear to the hearts not only of the sons, but the daughters of veterans of Mississippi, and the consummation of it will be halled with delight. It will greatly please Mrs

the consummation of it will be hailed with delight. It will greatly please Mrs. Davis. She has always insisted that she never would part with the home, endeared to her by so many tender recollections, unless it were for a purposs which would perpetuate her husband's memory and that of the cause for which he stood. Twice since her husband's death she has been asked to dispose of the proporty for hotel purposes. In one case she was offered \$90.000 and somewhat later \$20,000, but she would not entertain the idea.

The hiouse is not now in the best of repair, but arrangements will immediately be made to put it into shape for the reception of the old solders. The building is for the most part sound, and only those parts most exposed to the weather show signs of decay. It is an example of the rare old wooden houses of early days in this country, which were so well built and of such good material as almost to rival the durability of brick and mortar.

Ine furnishing will probably be undertaken by the Daughters of the Confederacy of Mississippi. They have already raised several thousand colars for this purpose and are now endeavoring to raise more. What they lack of having enough to provide the necessary furnishings will be made up from other sources. Many citizens of Mississippi and several of Louisiana have asked the privilege of being allowed to furnish a room as a memorial to some members of their family killed in the late war. Those requests will be considered by the Board of Directors and doubtless the majority of them will be granted.

Just when the building will be prepared to receive veterans and begin its caroor as a Confederate home cannot be stated exactly, but it is believed that everything can be made ready within two pants.

The Day's Arch.

(For The Times-Dispatch.)

An arch of triumph for a man who died,
Pursued by calumny and bitter hate;
Guiltiess of treason—else had he been Yet prisoner of State!

Mock not such anguish with a boast in Vacarious victim, lend him all your Nor seek by monumental honors to atone For the injustice of those martyr years.

Yet we who loved him; may his statue of marble white as his great soul was

pure, In Southern granite carve his lasting praise, "Behold we count them happy who en-

THE MEN AND WOMEN

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Knowledge of What Is Best More Important Tuan Wealth With-out It.

It must be apparent to every one that qualities of the highest order are necessary to enable the best of the products of modern commerce to attain permanently to universal acceptance. However loudly heralded, they may not hope for world-wide preeminence unless they neet with the general approval, not of individuals only, but of the many who have the happy faculty of nelecting, enjoying and learning the reat world of the choicest products. Their commendation, consequently, becomes important to others, since to meet the requirements of the well informed of all countries the method of manufacture must be of the most perfect order and the combination the most excellent of its kind. The above is true not of food products only, but is especially applicable to medicinal agents and after nearly a quarter of a century of growth and general use the excellent remedy, Syrup of Figs, is everywhere accepted, throughout the world, as the best of family laxatives. Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative and carminative principles of plants known to act most beneficially on the system and presented in the form of a pleasant and refreshing liquid, but also to the method of manufacture of the California Fig Syrup Co., which onsures that uniformity and purity essential in a remedy intended for family use. Ask any physician who is well informed and he will answer at once that it is an excellent laxative. If at all ominent in his profession and has made a special study of answer at once that it is an excellent inxative. It at all ominent in his profession and has made a special study of laxatives and their effects upon the system he will tell you that it is the best of family laxatives, because it is simple and wholesome and cleanses and sweetens the system effectually, when a laxative is needed, without any unpleasant after-offects. Every well-informed druggist of reputable standing knows that Syrup of Pigs is an excellent laxative and is glad to sell it, at the regular price of fifty cents per bottle, because it gives general gatisfacthe regular price of fifty cents per bottle, because it gives general satisfaction, but one should remember that in order to get the beneficial effects of Syrup of Figs it is necessary to buy the genuine, which is sold in original packages only; the name of the remedy—Syrup of Figs and also the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package.

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Queries

and Answers

Dr. Woodson Mr. F. R. Woodson, Sr., 607 Louislana Street, city, says that the Dr. Woodson, who was enquired about in our last issue, was the brother of his grandfather.

Capitol Removal.

This in answer to B. B.

Editor of the Times-Dispatch:
Washington, Va., Feb. 18, 1903.
Please answer when the capitol of the
State was moved from Williamsburg to
Richmond, and oblige
A. J. SLAUGHTER.
In the year 1779.

"Funeral of all My Hopes"

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To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Referring to the query as to the authorship of the poem "I have been to the funeral of all my hopes and buried them one by one," I would say that the piece was written by the late Richard W. Lyles, a lawyer of this city. It is entitled "The Drunkard's Lament."

Danville, Va.

F. M. H.

To Restore Injuries.

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Editor of the Times-Dispatch:

I have some valuable books which, while in storage, became befouled by the visitations of mice and roaches, even upon the insides of the leaves. Will you kindly suggest some method by which they can be purified, and oblige

READER.

Probably nothing very satisfactory in the way of renovation can be done. Perhaps a picture cleaner may be able to

The Walf.

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To the Editor of the Times-Dispatch;
Sir,—We have been taking your paper for several years and like it very much.
Will you please publish what has become of the infant found on the corner of Buchanan and Venable Streets September 17th. I think of the poor little thing very often, as we have one about the same age.

Mrs. R.

Ranson's P. O., Buckingham cou He died at the Almshouse here on Sep-

Rare Poem Wanted.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Can you or any of your readers give me the words of the poem "Beautiful Snow?" It reads about as follows:

"Oh! the snow, the heautiful snow, filling the sky and earth below, Over the house-tops, over the streets; Over the heads of the people we meet. Danding filrting, skiping along, The beautiful snow, it can do nothing wrong.

Flying to kiss a fair lady's check Clinging to, &c, F. L. DUNN.

Crewe, Va.

Low Temperetaure in Richmond.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19, 1903. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19, 1003.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Will you kindly publish some of the
dates on which the thermometer has resistered as much as six degrees below zero
in Richmond during the last few years?
People down in this section are slow to
believe that Richmond can have weather
that cold, but have agreed to take your
figures as conclusive ovidence. Can you
not help me out?

F. W.

The lowest temperature here since the Weather Bureau began keeping its record (1897), was on February 10, 1899, when was three degrees below zero.

Duties and Pay of Sheriffs. To the Editor of The Times-Dispater
Please give me the facts relating to the
duties and salvry of a county sheriff.
Please mention the changes made by
the new Constitution as to his office.
Section 500 - 100 - Section 350s of the Code of Virginia

iff also receives a salary from the coun ty, which is fixed by the Board of Su pervisors, who allow what they choose as there is no limit fixed by law. The sheriffs serve all papers from

courts and administer upon estates. The new Constitution made no changes in the sheriffs' office, except to proong their term of office for six months The elections will now come off in No cember; they were formerly held in May

Presidents of the U.S. (In answer to a Query.) First stands the lofty Washington, That nobly great, immortal one; The elder Adams next we see, And Jefferson comes number three; The fourth is Madison, you know, The fifth one on the list, Monroe; The sixth and Adams comes again And Jackson seventh on the train; Van Buren eight upon the line, And Harrison counts number nine;

And Polk eleventh, as we learn; The twelfth is Taylor that appears,
The thirteenth Filmore fills his years.
Then Flerce comes fourteenth in view
Buchanan is the fifteenth due,
Now Lincoln comes two terms to fill,
Obedient to the people's will.
Johnson, Grant and Hayes in turn,
A country's favor fairly earn,

The tenth is Tyler in his turn,

Suits for Divorce

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

If a man files a sult for divorce and his wife enters no defence and he gets his divorce, will it give her a divorce at the same time, or will she have to seek and pay for one for herself? And can be prevent her from getting one after he has secured his divorce? Also, when she grants his divorce; can it he done on the condition that he pay her so much money, the sum to be specified?

READER.

If the court grants a divorce at the in stance of either husband or wife, it at fects both parties, and further proceed ines are unnecessary.

Divorces are of two kinds; from the onds of matrimony and from bed and board. The latter will not allow the par ties to re-marry, but is merely a separa-

The court can make such allowance to the wife as it sees fit out of the husband's property. The Butte County Bible.

Waverly, Sussex county, Va.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: I have just read an article in you paper of this date headed "Want to Re

paper of this date headed "Want to Return Bible."

In your publication of the article you make the letter close as follows: "If any of their friends are living I would be glad to correspond with them.

"Butte County, Iowa."

I wish to call your attention to the fact that there is no Butte county in lowa, and that "Greene' is in Butter county In county, Iowa, and if any persons wish to write to Mr. Mills concerning the Bible and wish for a reply I would advise them to address their letters to:

Mr. C. S. Mills.

Greene, Butter county, Iowa,
I am thoroughly familiar with the geography of Iowa, and absolutely know that Greene is in Butter county, having worked in a picture gallery for several wooks in the town.

Trusting that this will aid some friend to secure so valuable a relict, I am Yours most respectfully.

The Sevon Princes.

The Saxon Princes. Editor of the Times-Disputchi Please publish if the Crown Prince who lately obtained a divorce from his wife at Dresdon, is the son of the pres-ent Emperor of Germany; also publish

something of his life and marriage and L. L. BROCKWELL.

Augusta-Raphael of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. was born in Paris, March 28, 1844. He is a lieutenant field marshal of Austria, a chevaller of the Order of St. Hubert and has a number of other titles and

Princess Louise is the oldest daughter of the King of Belgium, having been born in Brussels February 18, 1858. She was married February 4, 1875, to Philip, Princess has two sisters-the Archduchess Stephanie, the widow of the Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, who committed suicide, and the Princess lementine, who married Duke Ernest Gunther of Schloss-Holstein.

Holding Two Offices.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Is it constitutional for a person to hold an appointive office, as, say, superintendent of schools, in a county or city and an electivo one as, say commissioner of the revenue, Commonwealth's attorney or even member of Legislature? Are such combinations permissible under the new Constitution? Again, may a commissioner of the revenue also teach a school?

By Section 44 of the new Constitution, it is provided that "no person holding a salaried office under the State government," &c., and no "Attorney for the Commonwealth" or "Commissioner of the Revenue," shall be a member of either house of the General Assembly,

The restrictions of this section do not apply to the present legislators, but to every one hereafter elected. (See Section 19 of the Schedule.)

Hereafter no Commissioner of the Revenue or Commonwealth's Attorney will be ligible for election to the Legislature. A superintendent of schools is "a sal-

aried officer under the State government, 'and is not eligible to the Legislature; (See Section 44 of the Constitution, above referred to), neither can he hold any other county office during his term as such superintendent. (See Section 818 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Acts of 1889-'90, page 111).

A school teacher is not an officer, therefore, such a position may be held by him

The Lengthening Evenings.

McGaheysville, Va. To the Editor of The Times-Dispaten:
Will you please explain in your query
column, so as to be undestood by the
common mind, why it is that in some
months the evenings lengthen at a greater rate than the mornings, and in others
the mornings lengthen at a greater rate
than the evenings?

QUERIST.

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It is because of the difference between clock time and dial time or sun time When the sun is on the meridian, that is when it is due south, it is the middle of the day; but it is not necessarily 12 o'clock,, which keeps average or mean time, is usually faster or slower than the The difference, which is called the sun. Equation of time, is very great about February 11th, when it amounts to 14 1-2 minutes. That is the sun is 14 1-2 minites behind the clock. A little reflection will show that this will make the after noon twice 14 1-2 minutes longer than the forenoon. But, again, now keeps what is called Standard time which, for us in Richmond, is the time of the 75th meridian, and which is 10 minutes faster than our own local time. This fact itself as one can see, will make clock time 10 minutes faster than sun time, and this takes 10 minutes from the forenoon and add it to the afternoon Now add these together, viz., the twice

gets 16 1-4 minutes faster than the clock and then, of course, the afternoons are shorter than the forenoons.

Just why the sun varies thus, becom ng alternably faster and slower than the clock, is due mainly to the varying notion of the earth in its orbit. This motion is fastest when the earth is nearest to the sun, about January 1st, and slowest when it is farthest off, about July 1st. All this is fully set forth and explained in works on astronomy.

Medals for Naval Volunteers.

ro the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Will you please answer through the columns of your paper the following questions? Has the United States awarded any medals to volunteers in United States awarded any medals to volunteers in United States Navy during Spanish-American War? If so, what were the conditions? By answering the foregoing you will greatly oblige

A VETERAN.

Cape Charles, Va. Under the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1901, medals were awarded to the officers and men who served on the vessels mentioned here below, in engagements as were deemed, by the Secretary of the Navy, worthy of commemoration. Owing to the great numper of medals to be distributed and to prevent the possibility of being overcrowded with requests, the Bureau decided to distribute in the order in which the vessels are named, which was determined by drawing lots. Men who are not now in the naval service, must forward their discharge for identification, giving their name and post-office address in every

case in a legible manner. The distribution has so far reached the Sewance. The next vessel to be handled will be the Wilmington.

Indiana, Hornet, Alvarado, Iowa, Windom, Nashville, Newark, Panther, Win-Brooklyn, Suwance, Fern, Wilmington, St. Louis, Gloucester, Texas, Dolphin, Marblehead, Topeka, Wasp, Vixen, Osceola, Annapolis, Holena, Harvard, Leyden, Wompatuck Ericsson, New York, Resolute, Hist,

Tenting on the Old Camp-Ground (Published in answer to a query).

We're tenting to-night on the old camp-Wo're tenting to-night on the ground, Give us a song to choor Jur weary hearts, a song of l And friends we love so dear!

Many are the hearts that are weary to-Mishing for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts looking
right,
To see the dawn of peace;

enting on the old camp-ground,

II.

We've been tenting to-night on the old camp-ground,
Thinking of the days gone by;
Of the loved ones at home, that gave us

the hand And the tear that said good-bye. Chorus, III.

We are tired of the war on the old camp-

We've been fighting to-day on the old camp-ground, Many are lying near; Some are dead and some are dying— Many are in tears!

Chorus: Many are the hearts that are weary to-

minutes, by which, as given in a good almanac, the afterneon of February 11th is longer than the forencon. On the contrary, about November 1st, the sun